



Friday 27th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a long and busy half term so I am sure pupils and teachers are all ready for a very welcome break! As we move from autumn into winter, next half term we will be expecting our pupils to carry on working hard, as well as experiencing the exciting build up to Christmas and all the other events that we have planned. I thought I would write and let you know about some of the things we have going on at the moment.

Forthcoming events...

School closed for staff training	Monday 6 th November
Autumn Term Progress Reports – all years	Friday 10 th November
Year 6 Japanese themed enrichment	w/b 13 th , 20 th and 27 th November
Flu Vaccinations	Tuesday 21 st November
Parents Evenings (see further information in this letter)	Wednesday 22 nd November
Year 8 enrichment visit – Imperial War Museum	Monday 27 th November
Senior Citizens Party	Tuesday 28 th November
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 13 th December
Christmas lunch/jumper day – all years	Monday 18 th December
Term ends	Tuesday 19 th December
Spring Term begins	Thursday 21 st December
	Monday 8 th January

Arbor and Behaviour Points

We've been really grateful for your patience and support while we have moved across to Arbor. It's good to be getting positive feedback from parents about the platform but we are still working hard to make the use of Arbor as effective as we can.

You may have noticed that you are getting fewer notifications about behaviour points recently. We had been trying to recognise those children who continually meet our expectations by awarding them a '2'. However, this had two unfortunate side effects – one was some parents receiving lots of notifications from Arbor, another was inaccuracy of points totals, due to a quirk with the way Arbor works. We have tried to work around this but in the end it has been necessary to make the change, so that parents are only notified if their child receives a positive point award for going above and beyond (a '3'), or a '1' for falling short of expectations. We hope this will add some clarity to the system and still enable parents to have those important conversations with their children about their school life.

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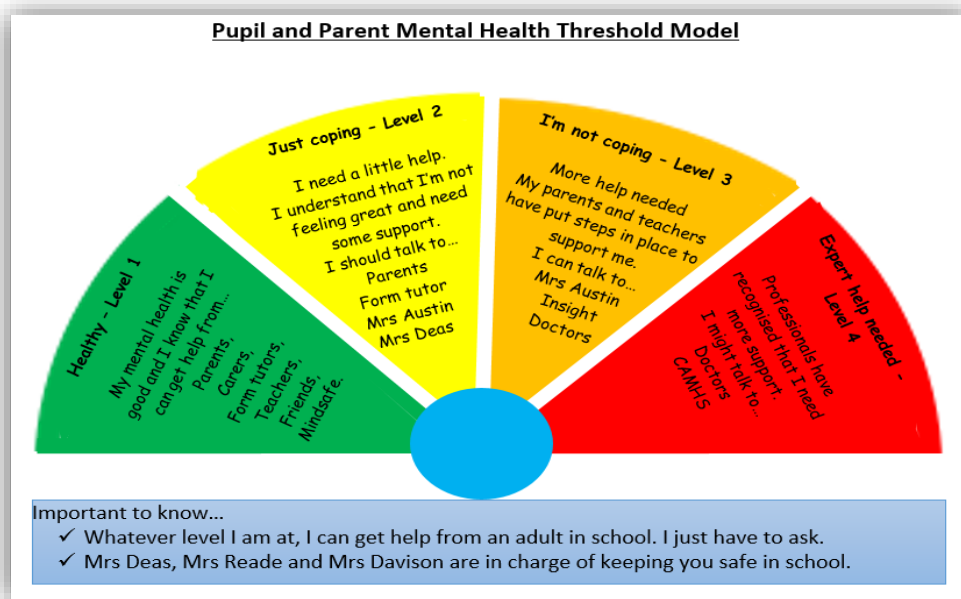


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Looking after the Whole Child

We work hard to make sure that pupils in our school experience high quality teaching and learning, but school is about much more than that. At CMS, we offer as many enrichment opportunities as we can and take wellbeing and safeguarding very seriously. We always work hard to look after the 'whole child'. For your information, our Designated Lead for Safeguarding is Mrs. Deas; Mrs Reade and Mrs Davison are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - this means that between them they have the main responsibility for making sure pupils are healthy, safe and happy. If pupils need to talk, they will listen and, of course, pupils can talk to any adult within the school, including their form tutor and Head of Year.

For pupils who are struggling with wellbeing and mental health, we have more provision in place: if the first line of support isn't enough (friends, teachers and parents/carers), we have trained wellbeing TAs, Mrs Austin and Mrs Steventon and your child's Head of Year how are always willing to help and listen. This is a reminder of the structure we have in place for pupils who may need more support:



School Values

As you will know, we believe in the importance of developing our pupils as engaged individuals who contribute positively to the community: hence our school values – considerate, ambitious and proud. It's always a delight to meet our Values Stars and to hear the stories behind their nominations. I thought I'd share some of the 'bigger' contributions from our pupils that are happening this half term – there may well be more!

Codsall Citizens making us proud!

- Our Head Girl and Head Boy will be attending the Remembrance Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Codsall.
- We have chosen our school charity – it's Promise Dreams! Pupils are in the process of planning fund-raising activities.
- Our pupils raised nearly £1500 for the school library during our Readathon. Fantastic effort! Thanks for your contributions. **Supporting 'The Well' foodbank**
- We believe that it's really important that our Codsall Citizens think of others, especially at a time like Christmas when they could get a bit preoccupied with what they are going to receive! So, for those of our community that feel that they can donate, we will be holding an Advent Collection for the Well – a foodbank that serves the Wolverhampton area. We'll let you know more closer to the time.



Car Park

Thank you to all of the parents who make our school car park feel safe by respecting our request that you do not drive onto the car park between the times of 8.15-8.40am and 3.00-3.25pm.

If you are driving onto site for a specific reason, please don't be offended if you are questioned by a member of staff. It's important that we understand why you are there so that we can safeguard our pupils and be fair to all parents. Can we also ask that if you are dropping off your child for breakfast club, to avoid accidents please drive slowly **all the way** into the car park, rather than stopping on the bend?

Parents' Evenings

In November, parents will be able to access pupil reports through Arbor. At this time of year, this is a 'snapshot' report, followed by an opportunity to discuss with subject teachers at a parents' evening. In response to parent feedback, we have decided to make our parents' evenings 'hybrid' – a mixture between in person and online. Parents will have the choice about which type of appointment they book.

More details will follow about this, closer to the date, but we always advise parents not to wait for these formal occasions to raise issues or queries. We are always happy to discuss any concerns with you – the earlier the better!

Thanks very much for your continuing support. Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Reade
Head of School





Eco Schools Green Flag with Merit



Y8 Football Team - Penalty shoot-out winners



Breakfast Club



Horse of the Year Show



Y5/6 Girls football through to Round 2



Y5/6 Cross-country - 4 teams through to Round 2



Grandparents' Lunch